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Export of Sarees from Varanasi

3881. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The number of sarees exported from Varanasi during the last three years and the foreign exchange earned therefrom, year-wise;

(b) the efforts made for the development of this industry; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide yarn to artisans/craftsmen at subsidised rates and other basic facilities to this industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) Export of silk textiles products from the country during the last three years is as under:–

1988–89	Rs. 331 crore
1989–90	Rs. 401 crore
1990–91	Rs. 441 crore

However, Government of India does not maintain statistics regarding exports against production from a particular place.

(b) For development of handlooms, there are a number of Schemes. These include Design Support by Weavers Service Centre, Varanasi. There are several on-going plan schemes such as Modernisation, Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme, Project Package Scheme which can be availed of by the handloom industry at Varanasi.

(c) There is no scheme to subsidise supply of yarn to artisans and craftsmen. Supply of yarn to handloom weavers in the organised sector is, however, made through National Handloom Development Corporation, Apex Societies, State Handloom Development Corporations and Primary Handloom Societies.

Ex-Serviccemen Rehabilitation Centres in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Rehabilitation centres in in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar for the welfare of ex-servicemen, warwidow and disabled ex-servicemen;

(b) whether the process of rehabilitation in these States has been analysed during last three years;

(c) if so, the achievements made during this period, and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the work particularly in the districts where there is more number of ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d). No Rehabilitation Centres are run in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar by the State Governments. However, in Uttar Pradesh there are two Training-cum-Production Centres, one at Lansdown (Pauri Garhwal District) and another at Ranikhet (Almora District) being run by the Regional Centre of Garhwal Rifles and Kumaon Regimental Centre, respectively. The centre at Lansdown in imparting training for stiching, knitting and Hindi/English typewriting for widows of ex-Servicemen and their dependents, while at Ranikhet widows and their

dependents are trained and employed in weaving shawls and tweed. No such centre exists in the State of Bihar.

The Central Government has provided reservation of 10% and 20% for Groups 'C' and 'D' posts, respectively. The reservation of Groups 'C' and 'D' posts in Central Public Sector Undertakings, including Nationalised Banks, is 14 1/2% and 24 1/2% respectively. The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has also provided fo reservation of 3% in Groups 'C' and 'D' posts. No reservation in Government jobs exists in the State of Bihar.

Apart from the reservation provided by the Central and State Governments, several self-employment schemes are also in operation in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, major among them being SEMFEX–I, SEMFEX–II and SEMFEX–III (introduced recently with effect from 15th October, 1991).

Each Zila Sainik Board maintains the statistics of registration for employment assistance, employment provided through Central Government, State Governments and private agencies and the number of persons on the live registers who are yet to be provided employment. The figures of employment provided to ex-Servicemen in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh during 1988, 1989 and 1990 and self-employment assistance to ex-Servicemen under SEMFEX–I and SEMFEX–II in these States during 1989, 1990 and 1991 are given in the attached Statement. The progress made in regard to rehabilitation of ex-Servicemen is reviewed from time to time.

Continuous efforts are being made to provide employment to the maximum number of ex-Servicemen and to promote self-employment by providing loans to them under various Schemes in these States. Training courses are also being organised for ex-Servicemen to enhance their employability/ self-employability.

STATEMENT

Number of Ex-Servicemen Registered, Provided Employment and who were on the Live Registers in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, during 1988-90.

		1988		1989		1990	
		Bihar	U.P.	Bihar	U.P.	Bihar	U.P.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Total number resistered for employment assistance	2697	14396	2096	15220	2448	11098
2.	Total number provided employment by						
(a)	Central Govt	280	1951	336	1403	417	1196
(b)	State Govt	37	952	91	619	226	685
(c)	Private Agencies	19	737	35	841	10	966
	Total	336	3640	462	2863	653	2847
3.	Total number on the Live Registers (as on 31 st December of the year under report)	11260	63087	13301	48179	13053	48134

N.B: The complete figures for 1991 are not available as the reports and returns from all agencies have not sof are been received.

Self-Employment Assistance Provided under SEMFEX–I and SEMFEX–II Schemes.

(No. of persons)

STATE	*1989*	*1990*	*1991*	*Total*
Bihar	45	71	37	153
Uttar Pradesh	144	48	250	442